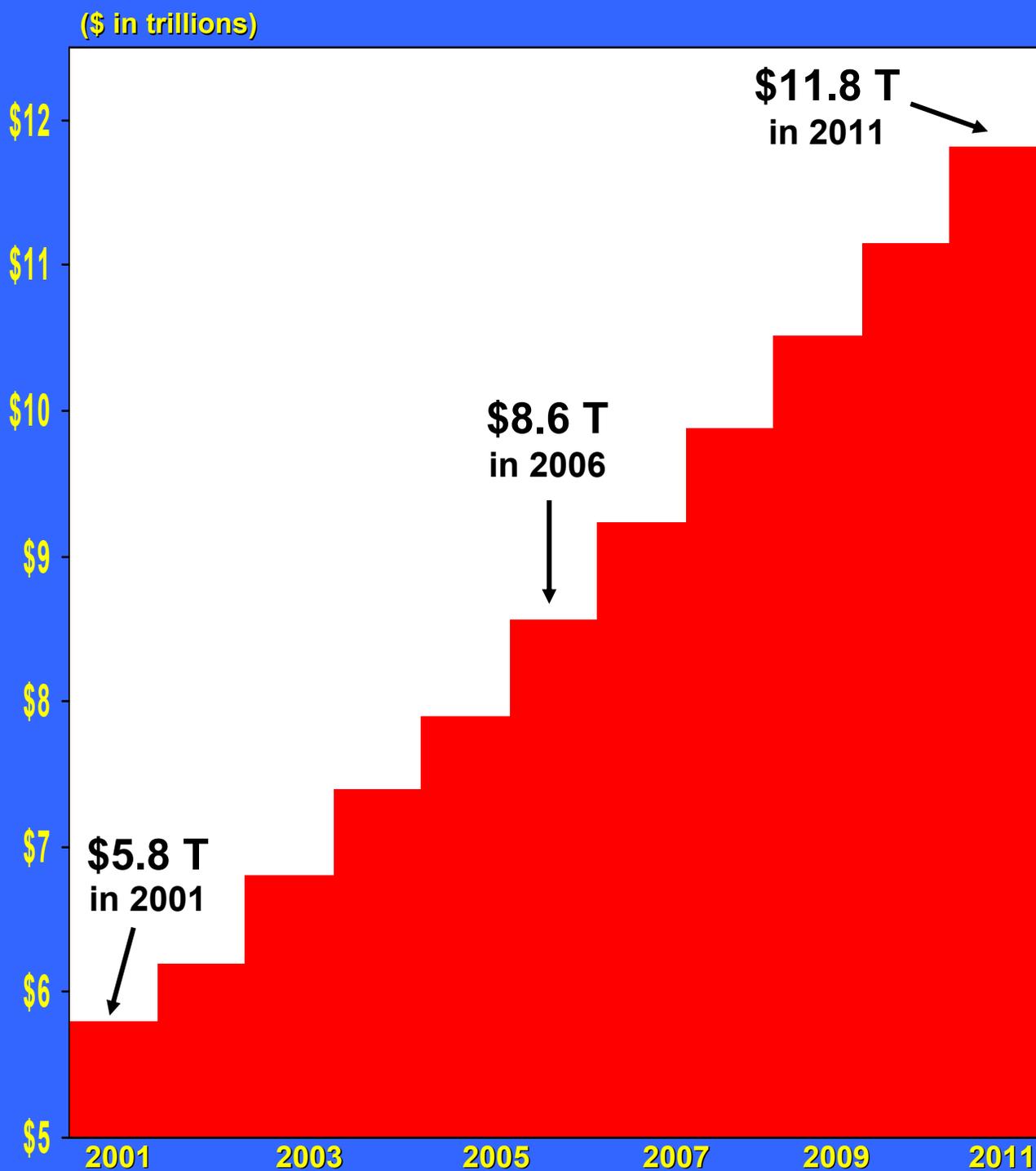


Building a Wall of Debt

Gross Federal Debt Soars



Source: CBO and SBC Democratic staff

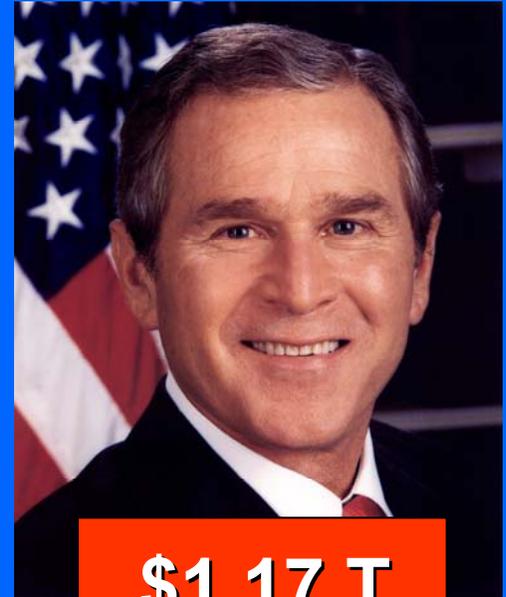
Note: CBO reestimate of President's FY 2007 Budget with AMT reform and ongoing war costs.

President Bush Doubles Foreign-Held Debt in 5 Years

It Took 42 Presidents 224 Years to Build Up Same Level of Foreign-Held Debt



224 Years
(1776-2000)



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5 Years
(2001-2005)

GAO Comptroller General Walker Believes Current Fiscal Path Threatens Our National Security

“Continuing on this unsustainable fiscal path will gradually erode, if not suddenly damage, our economy, our standard of living, and ultimately our national security.”

**–GAO Comptroller General David M. Walker
Testimony before Senate Budget Committee
February 15, 2006**

Senate Homeland Security Committee Chairman Susan Collins on Bush Budget

“Regrettably the administration’s budget short changes port security. The budget request folds port security in with all other transportation and critical infrastructure grants, thus providing no assurance of funding to strengthen port security.”

- Senator Susan Collins, (R-ME)
as heard on National Public Radio
March 2, 2006**

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg on Bush Budget

“Having a secure border, having a functioning immigration system and a functioning port security system is as big a part of the fight on terrorism as anything else we’re doing and yet this administration continues to play games with the financing and under-finance it. It’s absurd and it’s inexcusable and it’s, in my opinion, gross malfeasance of responsibility.”

**– Senator Judd Gregg, R-NH
as quoted by *National Journal*
Congress Daily AM
March 1, 2006**